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Sent: 1/19/2022 12:08:46 AM
To: Alafat, Beth [alafat.beth@epa.gov]
CC: Lindsay, Jane [lindsay.jane@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Weekly Cabinet Report - question

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2022, at 6:25 PM, Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Deb,
I've forwarded the question below to Lynne, Pat and Eric to address and asked Margo if this can be addressed first thing tomorrow morning (I noticed her light was still green ☺). I'll forward any responses I receive to you.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks
Beth

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Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:09 PM
To: Young, Margo <Young.Margo@epa.gov>; Harris, Sincere <Harris.Sincere@epa.gov>; Edmondson, Lucy <Edmondson.Lucy@epa.gov>; Hicks, Destine <Hicks.Destine@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov>; Williamson, Anahita <Williamson.Anahita@epa.gov>
Cc: Pirzadeh, Michelle <Pirzadeh.Michelle@epa.gov>; Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Weekly Cabinet Report Reminder

Regarding the Buffalo River: It is an "Area of Concern" (AOC) under the Great Lakes Initiative. It is not a Superfund site. Under the Great Lakes program, specific remedial actions are identified for AOCs (similar to what happens in Superfund); when those actions are successfully carried out, the AOC can be delisted – it's an important milestone in the life of an AOC.

I hope this answers the questions – let me know if you need something further.

Walter

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Subject: RE: Weekly Cabinet Report Reminder

Hi Sincere',

I am including the Region 1 and 2 contacts on this request so they can answer directly to you. Anahita and Beth – would love your eyes on the questions below.

In the future, would it work to add a Regional POC on each of the submittals so you can quickly follow up with further questions?

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Thanks, Lucy! A couple follow-up Qs:

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Hi Destine and Sincere'

Please see the regional submissions for the weekly cabinet report.

Submitted by Region 1:

CLIMATE

- Past Week Accomplishments and Setbacks/Obstacles:

- On January 18th, Environmental Protection Agency's Region 1 signed the final Clean Air Act Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) permit for South Fork Wind. This is the 2nd large wind farm permit Region 1 has issued over the past year. South Fork is a 130 megawatt (MW) wind farm, proposed to be developed southwest of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. It will send its power to East Hampton, New York via a subsea cable. This is one of 8 windfarms, totaling over 8,000 MW of proposed capacity, that Region 1 will be permitting on the OCS over the next few years in support of the Biden-Harris administration's goal of generating 30 gigawatts of energy from offshore wind by 2030.

Submitted by Region 2:

APPENDIX

- **Principal level meetings or calls with Governors, Mayors, or other elected officials of note:**

Meeting with Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY, 26th District): On January 13th, Regional Administrator Lisa Garcia had a "virtual" meeting with Rep. Higgins, who represents the Buffalo and Niagara Falls area of western New York State. He expressed how pleased he is with the BIL funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and that he looks forward to the delisting of the Buffalo River Area of Concern.

Thank you and please let me or Margo know if you have any questions or need any more information

Lucy

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Warm regards,

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Good afternoon everyone!

I hope that you all are well. For those of you who have transitioned from sending your reports to Wes Carpenter and this is your first time hearing directly from the White House Liaison's Office, I want to officially introduce myself and say hello. My name is Destine Hicks and I am the Deputy White House Liaison. I will be reaching out to you each week for your office or region's submission for the weekly White House Cabinet Affairs Report and I look forward to working together.

First, let this email serve as a reminder to submit your office's report by **noon tomorrow (1/12)**.

Moving forward—after this week's report—all report submissions will be due on Tuesdays by COB.

That means that next week's will be due to me by Tuesday, the 18th by 5pm.

As a new year refresher, we would like to share a list of reminders:

- The final report that is compiled from every agency by Cabinet Affairs is shared with White House senior staff, with a condensed version submitted to the President. It is, therefore, important to keep in mind the following.
 1. All acronyms must be spelled out in the first occurrence of your submission for that week.
 2. All updates on current events should include a minimum of 1-2 sentences of background and context. Keep in mind the audience is being updated on a number of critical events across the entire federal government. We should always provide context, especially regarding emergency situations our teams are working on.

3. Fill out the attached infrastructure implementation addendum template along with your regular report each week. Be sure to reference any infrastructure funding even if outside BIL programs and remember to denote ARP or IIJA on the item if applicable. We would like you to pull items from the weekly report that relate to infrastructure program implementation – this includes primarily IIJA programs, but also should include notable hard infrastructure announcements from other programs (i.e. ARP broadband, RAISE grants, and other relevant rulemakings).

Thank you, as always, for your attention to this.

Warm regards,

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